



# Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilot

***Coalition: The State of South Carolina, City of Anderson,  
Towns of Johnston and Yemassee, and Kershaw County***

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

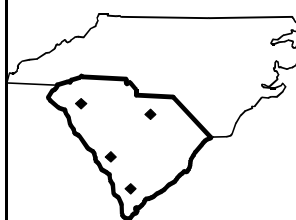
## BACKGROUND

Historically, South Carolina's economy was dominated by agriculture and textile manufacturing. As the manufacturing industry faltered, however, many communities have lost businesses and residents. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has been working to restore to productive use some of the contaminated properties left in the wake of the economic shift. DHEC is focusing revitalization efforts in socioeconomically distressed communities within Kershaw County, the Towns of Johnston and Yemassee, and the City of Anderson. The poverty level in these communities ranges from 13 percent to 33 percent and the unemployment rate from 5 percent to 9 percent. Targeted Site Assessments have been conducted in Kershaw County and the Towns of Johnston and Yemassee. The City of Anderson is a Brownfields Assessment Pilot.

## BCRLF OBJECTIVES

The goal of South Carolina's Brownfields Program is to provide a funding source to advance its brownfields redevelopment program. Specific sites targeted by the South Carolina BCRLF include an abandoned textile

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



**Date of Announcement:**  
May 2000

**Amount:** \$2,000,000

**BCRLF Target Area:** Targeted  
Site Assessments and  
Assessment Pilot sites within  
Coalition members'  
jurisdictions

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### Contacts:

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Visit the EPA Region 4 Brownfields web site at:  
[www.epa.gov/region04/waste/brown/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region04/waste/brown/index.htm)

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional  
Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications  
and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

mill and a former railroad site in the City of Anderson, Elkay Industries in Kershaw County, Walter Farms Birdseed Company in the Town of Johnston, and a City-owned site in Yemassee.

## **FUND STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control will serve as lead agency and its Site Engineering Section will serve as site manager. The Carolina Capital Investment Corporation, the nonprofit administrative arm of the South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Agency, will serve as fund manager.

## **LEVERAGING OTHER RESOURCES**

The Carolina Capital Investment Corporation manages 12 lending programs, including the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program, the Commercial Loan Program for Rural Communities, the Intermediary Relending Program, the Carolina Capital Investment Revolving Loan Fund, the Job Development Loan Fund, the Small Business Administration 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Fund, and the Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund, among others. The Carolina Capital Investment Corporation plans to coordinate the use of these resources with the BCRLF program.

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*Use of BCRLF Pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funding also apply to BCRLF funds.*

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